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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated Jan. 19, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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